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Uprooting the Freshmen

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The freshmen were all quite dejected as they were forced out of the Marmion and Snyder residence halls.

With the semester wrapping up and students preparing for final exams and projects, it seems that freshman students will be in for an unexpected surprise. On February 30, 2016 the school's administration announced that the Marmion and Snyder residence halls will be torn down, which has been requested by students for quite some time. However, instead of replacing them with renovated freshman halls, it has been decided that the building shall instead be replaced by a two-in-one day spa and karaoke bar for the faculty to take a load off after a stressful day teaching.

When asked how they felt about this announcement many freshmen were rather taken aback.

"I don't understand why we aren't the ones getting the spa and karaoke bar, it seems only fair considering all the hard work we do" said Xorpthon, freshman human abduction major.

"I think that if they're tearing our dorms down they should at least give us some free food as compensation" said Justin I. Lucian, freshman holographic marketing major.

Because the freshman residence halls are being torn down the freshmen will be required to find new housing off campus. The school will not be providing any assistance in this matter, as they are going to focusing all of their attention on the new spa/karaoke bar combo. It has also been decided that in order to finance the building of the new building freshmen will be charged the housing fee they would have had to pay if they were still living on campus. This was explained by the administration as a necessary cost that freshmen should understand having to pay, as a new relaxation building for the faculty is the obvious next step after the completion of Kirk Hall earlier this year.

The new building shall be free for all faculty to use, with the only caveat being that they cannot go during their office hours. Some have expressed concerns that faculty might go to the spa during class hours, as the administration has placed no restriction on that, but when asked the school's representatives stated that they have no concerns about this, because they trust that the faculty will be responsible with their new relaxation space.

Some concerns have also been expressed concerning the karaoke bar side of the building, and the fact that it will be serving alcohol on campus, and during school hours. However almost all of these complains have come from students, from whom the general consensus seems to be that they are completely fine with the building as long as the faculty share their drinks.

The new building should be complete by the Fall semester of 2016, and all faculty are cordially invited to the opening ceremony on the first day of school, which will feature complementary manicures and pedicures, as well as an open bar.

Happy April Fool's

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Thank you for reading our April Fool's issue of The Lions' Pride Newspaper. We value your commitment to our paper, so we hope that this issue has given you some much-needed laughs. And, for the actual news of this week, please check out our online issues and articles at thelionsprdedotnet.wordpress.com.

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A Better World for the Lake Jovita Monster

By Jonah Robertson
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Students have been uprising against the unjust and cruel treatment of the iconic and beloved Lake Jovita Monster, named Jovi. Being a part of the Saint Leo University community since the University's founding in 1890, Jovi should have access to the Monster Rights Act that the Saint Edward's Goblin, the Extraterrestrial community, and Sassafras Sasquatch are able to utilize. The constant environmental neglect for Jovi's habitat and well-being has created a group of student activists wanting a change.

The Monster Rights Act Association was put into effect after the Extraterrestrial community put in a student wide petition pertaining to on-campus rights and treatment of inhuman residents. The MRAA has created a Saint Leo University lifestyle that adheres to the core values for all residents, upholding Excellence, Community, Respect, Personal Development, Responsible Stewardship, and Integrity. For the past fifty years, scholarships, student assistantship, and career offers have been created to further the MRAA's reach in the community.

Unfortunately, the Lake Monster slipped through the legal cracks because it was not a resident of the any University building. Lake Jovita is considered to be part of the Lake Union Foundation, preventing Jovi from being a part of the MRAA laws. Without the protection of the Act, Jovi is unable to go to weekly meetings and seminars to give its input on the community.Plans are being made to build a new parking garage for the campus, and while this is a great way to combat the limited parking issues, the construction will be taking place in Lake Jovita. Jovi was unable to file any form of complaint for this invasion of property since Saint Leo University seems to own the lake. If all goes to plan, the garage will be starting construction in the summer, where all of the water will be drained and relocated. But what does this mean for the Lake Jovita Monster?

"The pH level is off the charts," said Rael Truss Fax, a senior currently studying Water Scientology. "How could the Saint Leo community be fine with this travesty? And with the new parking garage going under construction, where will the Lake Monster live? It surely won't be living in the swimming pool. To disregard the Lake Monster is a slap in the face to all MRAA activists. And don't get me started on the how the pH and water removal is going to disrupt all of our senior seminar projects."

Two groups have been made in Saint Leo University: those who wish to bring Jovi into the MRAA fold and those who want to capture the creature for taming and studying purposes. The Monsters for Research Association believes those who are not considered Saint Leo residents are viable research subjects. There has been discrepancies between the two factions because of naming confusion.

"We should capture the creature with a pokeball," said Pika Patrick Peter, a freshman of the Pokemon Training major,a part of the MRA. "I know the Theoretical Science Department can create one in no time. It'll be a great opportunity for all trainers to get firsthand experience on capture rates."

There have been a few cases of violence and sabotage between the MRAA and the MRA with students becoming extremely passionate about their factions. The Monster Rights Act

Association are trying to communicate with the other nonhuman communities on campus, rallying for support. Their attempts at communicating with Jovi are still uncertain since the Lake Monster is very elusive, usually only seen with Boris the space duckling. The Monsters for Research Association is donating money to the Science Department to make an aquarium for Lake Monster study.They are also helping with the construction crew, giving tips and architectural advice for the draining of Lake Jovita.

"The debate is getting out of hand," said Doctor Professor Junior Junior, associate assistant of the Department of Departments and head supervisor of the MRAA. "We need to understand one another and join hands in Monster-Human relations. Jovi is an integral part of the University and we must show our respect."

Petitions are being distributed across campus to spread awareness to both factions. There is going to be a rally in April, where voting will take place for the final verdict between the MRAA and the MRA. Students and faculty are encouraged to participate in this campus changing event of a century.

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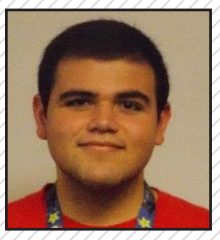

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Saint Leo University to Add Parking

By Matt Vandenburgh
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Parking space on the University Campus has been an issue for years, and the Saint Leo University Future Planning Department finally has a solution. By the end of the Spring 2017 semester, the campus will have an additional 100 acres of new parking space.

The plans call for the draining of Lake Jovita, with a brand new, 75 story garage to take its place. Further plans involve bulldozing the Abbey golf course as well, allowing for multiple parking locations.

Bess Tessmacher, assistant to the vice-chairperson of the Saint Leo University Future Planning Department Frank Schmidt, explained the department's excitement with this plan.

"We at the Saint Leo University Future Planning Department are thrilled to finally have an answer to the problem of parking on campus. Now that we can get rid of the cesspool that is Lake Jovita, we can continue to grow Saint Leo University to its greatest potential. I can tell you that making sure our great university's expansion is our number one priority," said Tessmacher.

While this plan has support, it also has its fair share of controversy, as well as some critics. Jessie Smythe, a Junior English major, is concerned about the aesthetic appeal of such a large parking structure.

"It's going to be an eyesore, that's for sure. My dorm directly overlooks the lake, and it's such a nice view already. It would be a shame to see a big, ugly monstrosity eliminating the picturesque scene I have," said Smythe.

Another concern is the potential impact on the local wildlife. James Deacon, a Sophomore Biology major, thinks that this will endanger some federally protected animals.

"Well, the alligators are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. There are so many different flora and fauna that will be affected negatively by this. The jumbo dwarf worm will have difficulty burrowing its way through concrete. That causes a problem with the black and yellow striped lacoochie birds. Granted, they are an invasive species but all animals deserve a chance at life," said Deacon.

Meanwhile, other students are excited about the new project. After overhearing Smythe's concerns, Franklin Augusta, an Economics and Marketing double major, explained that he doubts there will be such an aesthetics problem.

"English majors just don't get it," Augusta said. "You really need to be a business person to see what's going on here. I commute to this school. It's always a struggle to get spots here, something the kids that dorm here just don't get. I come to campus every day at 5 am just to get a decent spot."

As for the wildlife concerns, Augusta dismissed them as being overcautious.

"Look, life is progress. These animals need to adapt with the changing times just like us humans do. If they can't stick around with us, that's just too bad," Augusta said.

When told about the concerns of some students, Ms. Tessmacher offered some comfort.

"We understand that our students want to have the most beautiful campus possible. We are also aware of the potential threats to the jumbo dwarf worms and the black and yellow striped lacoochie birds. The problem is that our leading scientists from around the country have determined that no matter what, we need more parking spaces for our growing university.These animals will be handled with care, and we will move as many as we can to a similar living situation closer to the Orlando area. As for how this super parking structure will look, we are going to have a green parking garage, completely energy independent. It will have all the looks of the other beautiful buildings on our magnificent university," said Tessmacher.

It is no surprise that these parking plans are needed, as there is an expected inflow of upwards of 25,000 new students within the next two years. Ms. Tessmacher explained that this is due to the schools potential expansion of sports teams, in keeping with the traditions from the undefeated football team (see Sports for more details).

"When you have a team that has been so impressively dominant as our football team has been, it really is no surprise that the school would see an influx of students. Now that this plan is working its way towards becoming a reality, we can start our further expansion. I can't talk about much, but I can tell you that we at the Saint Leo University Future Planning Department are looking at an unprecedented concept involving I-75. If that idea comes together, you can expect to see the Saint Leo University Campus grow from this small patch of land here, to possibly reaching the Gulf of Mexico. I'm not just talking about the eastern shores either," said Tessmacher.

Whatever happens with the new parking developments, it is clear that the University is expanding, which means that big changes are coming to our quiet school.

A Surprise in Saint Edward Hall

By Jonah Robertson
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Many students are not even aware of the basement underneath Saint Edward's Hall, which is primarily used to store the school's holiday decorations. However, even the students that know of the basement might not know about its resident: the Saint Edward's goblin. According to some of the school's older faculty the goblin has been a part of the school ever since it was founded in 1889, while others have stated that the current goblin is actually the child of the first goblin.

The goblin was first spotted by a student in 1902, though at that time he was not the Saint Edward's goblin, but instead lived under a tree on the school campus. He lived there for many years, sometimes eating squirrels, sometimes snatching food from students when they were not looking, but eventually when Saint Edward's hall was built he moved into the basement, and found himself a happy home. Every attempt to offer better housing to the goblin has been met with a resounding "no", as apparently he is quite content where he is.

When asked about his living arrangements, the goblin simply said "I eat the bats down here. It's pleasant."

Although the school was originally worried that he might be nothing more than a freeloader, the Saint Edward's goblin proved his importance soon after moving into the basement. He has offered his skills as a tutor, teaching students how to live alone after college. He teaches such important life skills as: which cardboard boxes make the best homes, how to panhandle on the side of a highway, and how to cook bats. Many students have contacted the school after their graduation and have said how much his lessons helped them.

"If not for the goblin's tutoring, I would still be homeless. Instead, I'm living happily inside this old discarded Christmas tree box I found" said Albert "Al" Umni, from the class of 2004.

Alongside the Saint Edward's goblin, the school assigns one student every semester to assist him in his tutoring. The student is provided with housing in the basement, to better facilitate their work with the goblin, and they take no classes during that semester, but are instead given class credit for assisting the goblin in his tutoring. If the student does particularly well, they are sometimes even given the Goblin Scholarship, which consists of a box of bats for them to do with what they will. The student assigned to the goblin this year is Mac N. Cheze, a junior dairy farming major.

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This is a sidewalk.

When asked about working with the goblin, Cheze said "Oh please help me get out of here. I haven't seen the sun in three weeks. All he feeds me is bats. No, wait, where are you going? Please, don't lock the door, let me out."

So if students ever get the chance, they should go visit the goblin down in the basement of Saint Edward's hall. He may not look like much, and most students probably haven't even heard of him, but his tutoring can sometimes be quite invaluable, and he absolutely has some important life lessons to impart to anyone willing to listen to him.

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Eldritch Abomination for President

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The Soulless One's first rally took place in the ocean as he was still uncertain of leaving his watery home. His popularity rose faster that high tide during a full blue moon in August, sweeping the nation with his overpowering and wonderful personality.

Breaking news in the political world after a major upset in the polls. With 8 months left until the presidential election nobody expected a new candidate to come out of the woodwork, which is exactly what happened. The relatively obscure Shoggoth party has presented their new candidate, The Soulless One, and the amount of support he has gathered from the general American populace is surprising. While many were originally hesitant to even consider voting for a monster from the deep, dark corners of the earth, the candidate's platform of universal equality and social reform has started to really appeal to people.

Ever since his original announcement of his candidacy back in January, The Soulless One has been traveling around the country garnering support at rallies and fundraising events. At every single one of these more and more voters are added to what the candidate lovingly refers to as his "mindless majority".

While equality and reform are promised by nearly every candidate these days, the methods proposed by this particular candidate are a bit outlandish.

"I think what the American populace really likes about me is how I can take control of their minds and psychically force them to love me. It really helps them feel like they matter" said The Soulless One with a smile, baring his lovely purple teeth; "Everyone will be equal because they'll all be mindless drones, each one a small part of my eldritch army. Even their names will be replaced with ones promoting equality".

When this platform was originally suggested the other candidates scoffed, disregarding The Soulless One as nothing more than another hooligan striving for attention. However, the exponentially growing support that the Shoggoth party has been getting from the populace show otherwise. Even some of the candidates from the other parties have attended Shoggoth rallies and have come over to the newly dominant party.

"Yeah, I think this Soulless One guy is pretty alright. Some of his views are pretty progressive, but they still appeal to the more conservative folks as well. I mean, really, how can any of us argue with that smile?" said Bob 2474, a former Republican senator, now firmly situated in the middle of the Shoggoth party.

When this article was originally started, the intention was to express the paper's concern with The Soulless One's platform. However, after interviewing him he is just the nicest possible guy. Just because he's a towering thirteen foot tall monstrosity composed of tentacles and quivering teeth doesn't mean he doesn't have a heart, or maybe seven. So maybe consider giving the Shoggoth party your vote. Remember, if you vote for them now, you won't be put in the human farm, and will instead get to live your life peacefully as member of the "mindless majority".

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Bigfoot at Large

By Craig Graves
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Fifteen years ago, the woods around San Antonio, FL welcomed a new resident named Sassafras. In a press release on 25 March, 2016, the Saint Leo University Science Department confirmed that on 1 April, 2001, they released a Sasquatch specimen, referred to as "Sassafras," into the woods near the Grotto.

"It was time to tell the community about our studies into cryptozoological creatures," said Professor Bonnie Stone, Assistant Professor of Archeology. "The faculty in the Science Department had been studying Sassafras for ten years before releasing him into the wild to study him in his natural habitat."

According to the press release, Sassafras was found wandering the Grotto as an infant by the late Doctor Marco Polonius while he was weeding around the statues. Polonius brought the infantile bigfoot to the basement of Lewis Hall and began raising him as an observational experiment.

"It was quite fascinating to watch how quickly our little Sassafras grew," said Doctor Gerturde Deiffenistonowurthf, Co-Director of the Anthropology minor with Polonius during the 1990's. "Sassafras was the height of a five year old child when Polonius found him and grew to a little more than eight feet tall while he was staying in the basement of Lewis Hall with us."

Around the world, people have been spreading stories of humanoid or ape-like creatures that tower above average humans and that leave behind footprints almost twice the size of an adult male human. These creatures are often called Bigfoot or Sasquatch. In mountainous or snowy regions of the world like Tibet, they are called Yeti and abominable snowmen. Despite these numerous tales, there are not many scientific journals describing the habitats, diets, behaviors, or populations of Sasquatch.

"We chose to use the scientific name of Gigantopithecus piedas in our notes to refer to Sassafras," said Deiffenistonowurthf. "It was the best we could come up with based on how little anyone knows about his species. We tried to educate him as best we could, but none of us knew how or what to teach him."

Along with the press release, two volumes of experimental notes and observations from Polonius were published. These volumes detail the growth and education of Sassafras. According to these notes, Sassafras was taught how to eat with forks and knives and speak with sign language. His behavior while in captivity was similar to that of a young gorilla.

"[Sassafras] was a lot like Koko the Gorilla," said Stone. "He knew many words in sign language and could communicate his thoughts and feelings remarkably well. Truly he was a marvel to behold. In fact, he was the one to suggest that he return to the wild. Or at least that is how Dr. Polonius interpreted Sassafras's signing. We were all heartbroken to know he was going to return to the wild."

While most animals raised in captivity spend their entire lives in captivity, few are ever released back into the wild. This practice is upheld because animals raised in captivity are often not taught how to survive on their own in the wild, which makes them vulnerable to predators.

"Dr. Polonius and I felt Sassafras would do fine in the local wilderness because there are no known predators to his species," said Deiffenistonowurthf. "We told him to keep in touch with us in case he ever decided to return. He likes to leave us dung samples and the bones and feathers of small birds randomly. One of our lab assistants was startled to see Sassafras leaving behind his presents near Lewis Hall and nearly fainted. He was simply flabbergasted to see we weren't kidding about our favorite test subject."

Following these revelations and published documents, feelings of uncertainty and paranoia were circulating the community.

"This town isn't safe," said Ernest Wage, a Freshman Accounting major. "I commute to Saint Leo every day and I don't think my insurance will cover damage caused by Bigfoot."

"I have to keep my cats indoors now and they're getting really upset about it," said Paige McInney, a local resident in the San Antonio area. "I wish I could let them out at nights, but I'm afraid of them getting eaten by that monster!"

"I hope this doesn't raise our taxes," said Richard Wells, another San Antonio resident.

Despite these concerns and others, some individuals are excited to hear about Sassafras.

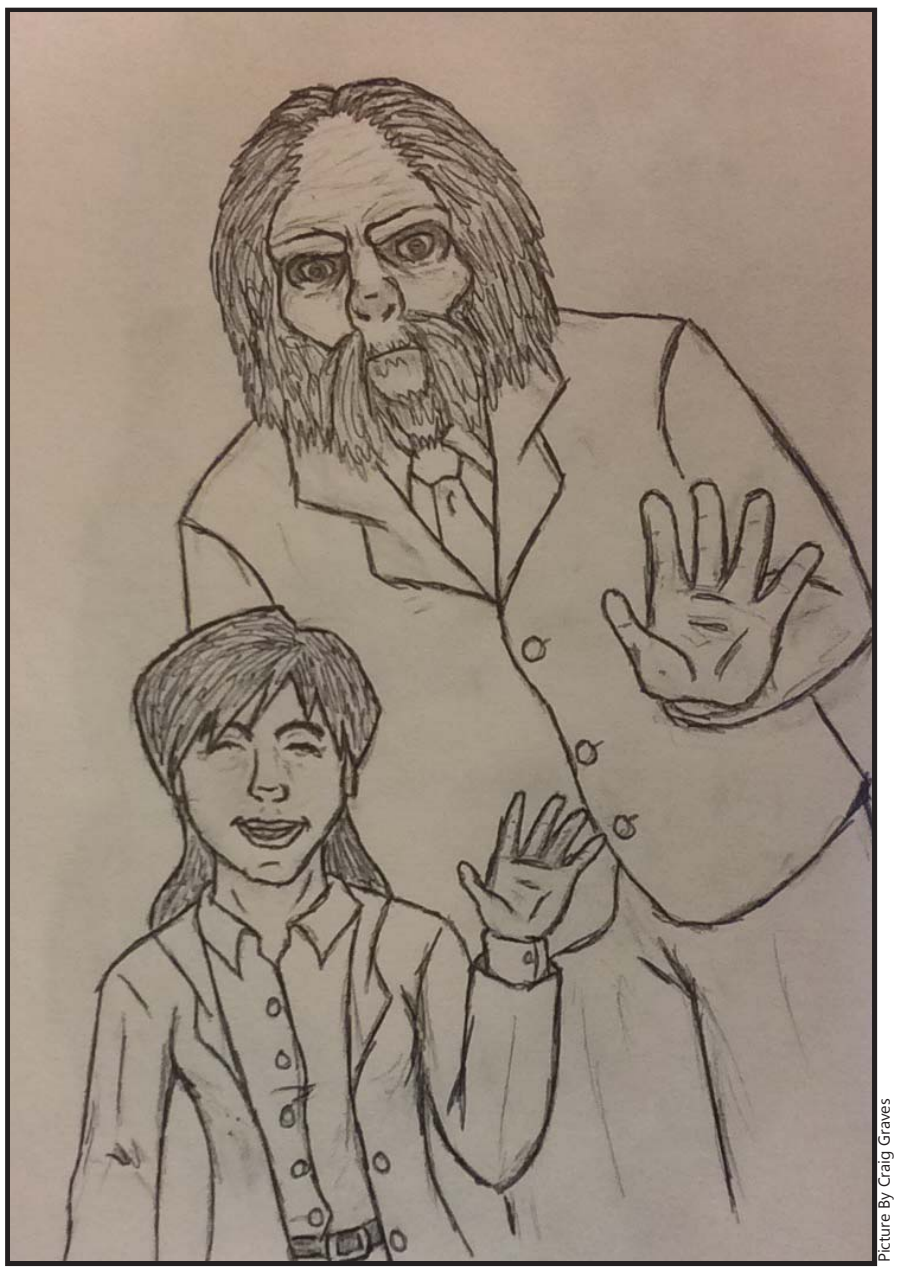
"I always knew there was something fishy going on at Saint Leo," said Connie Spiracy, a Junior Political Science and English double major. "At night I can see from my window in Apartment Three that there is some kind of creature running around in the woods over there by the lake. I'm glad to finally have validation that it is a Bigfoot. I've always suspected that there was one on campus somewhere! I have spent countless hours exploring the woods by Lake Jovita, the trees leading up to Marmion and Snyder, the Grotto, and the golf course across the street for signs of Bigfoot. And now I know it's real! This is marvelous! Maybe now it will be confirmed that there is more than one monster living in Lake Jovita or that aliens are living in the attic above the SCC."

"I hope I can meet this Bigfoot one day," said Zoey Logia, a Sophomore Biology major. "Such a finding could change history and science for years to come. Just think of all of the mysteries in the world that could be true if this myth was real."

It is unclear if there are other Bigfoot in the area. Many community officials declined to comment as the news of a Sasquatch living in the area is too big a pill to swallow.

"All I ask is that he pays his tax and abides by the laws," said Amelia Marques, an Assistant to the Pasco County Commissioner and the only official willing to comment. "I'm sure he and any more of his family will be welcomed into the community."

Sassafras the Sasquatch could not be reached for an interview.



Picture By Craig Graves

Dr. Gertrude Deiffenistonowurthf was Sassafras's favorite person at Saint Leo University, often expressing his sadness whenever she would not come in to work.
According to Dr. Polonius's notes, "Sassafras considered [him] and Dr. Deiffenistonowurthf as stand-in parents. Sassafras, like other Sasquatch, gets nervous around cameras and video recorders. Despite that, he was always fascinated by drawing and paintings, expressing immense flattery and awe at his likeness being produced by hand on sheets of paper or canvas. His favorite color is the vibrant yellow-green of the mid-day sun cascading through the canopy of the trees surrounding the Grotto. During the spring, Sassafras would weave wildflowers into his hair and throw petals at the student assistants if they looked to be having a bad day. He is such a treasure and a precious soul."

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The Race is Over

By Nicholas Santos
Managing Editor

With yet another release, the "Mario Kart" series has permanently proven that it will never return to its glory days. The ninth title in the popular kart-racing video game series, "Mario Kart 9," was released for the New Nintendo 3DS on April 1.

Much like previous titles in the "Mario Kart" series, "Mario Kart 9" has players racing as their favorite "Super Mario" characters—such as the Italian plumber brothers Mario and Luigi, the faithful green dinosaur Yoshi, or the evil mutant koopa, Bowser—for victory.

"Mario Kart 9" is an absolute beauty on the New Nintendo 3DS handheld. It is undoubtedly the most colorful and vibrant game in the series, and the "Super Mario Galaxy"-inspired orchestral score for the game turns each race into an epic chase for the finish line. Courses such as Rainbow Road and Wario Coliseum look incredible, especially with the New Nintendo 3DS' 3D functionality enabled.

Aside from the beautiful graphics and sound, however, lies an abysmal excuse for a sequel. Not including the fact that "Mario Kart 9" was released on what many don't consider a new console, the game is nothing more than a hybrid of terrible business practices and backwards design decisions hidden behind a familiar veil known as the "Mario Kart" license.

One of the biggest problems with the "Mario Kart" series is the balance of item distribution. Items, which are weapons used in the game to attack and/or slow down opponents, are given at random when a player drives over a "Question Mark Box" or "Item Box." Due to this randomness, players are unable to directly choose which items to use, and as a result, have the potential to lose consistently not because of a lack of skill, but because of poor item distribution. For example, while one player may be given a powerful item on the final lap of a race (such as a Golden Mushroom) and therefore has a higher chance of making a last-second win, another player may receive a weak item at the same time (such as a Banana), possibly cementing their defeat. While the item distribution and balance is a natural piece of the "Mario Kart" series, it has been a major source of criticism from fans and opponents of the series alike.

The developers of the "Mario Kart" series, Nintendo EAD, attempted to rectify this situation with a brand new item distribution system in "Mario Kart 9." However, they did this in the worst way possible: with amiibo support.

When the game first boots up, the player is informed, through a sparkling 3D gift box, that one random item from the entire game has been unlocked. All other items are locked away and may be unlocked only if the corresponding amiibo (a collectible figurine which, when scanned by the New Nintendo 3DS, unlocks new features with applicable games) is purchased and scanned. In this way, all players are able to "choose" which items they wish to use, regardless of who they're playing with. The goal of this, according to Nintendo EAD President Donno Mijob, was to "make it so that any player – of any skill level – can choose how they want to play."

Obviously, this new item system does not work at all; only those who have access to a large sum of expendable cash will be able to use all the items (as they must collect every amiibo, which are each priced at $12), and, since players can choose which items they want to purchase, this system can be abused to no end. For example, one player may choose to purchase only the Star item – a powerful item which grants the user invincibility and a boost of speed – and never purchase anything else. This player will always have access to the Star item and never have access to anything else, thereby guaranteeing them consistent wins. In many ways, this can be considered as a "pay-to-win" model; something that many gamers are not fond of. It breaks the game in a considerable fashion, as items are the backbone of the "Mario Kart" series.

This "innovative" item system only works against the game's already lackluster foundation. Beyond the item system lies a regretful ten-character roster which includes series "perfect attendees" Mario, Luigi, Bowser, Yoshi, Toad, Donkey Kong, and Peach, which is good; however, the remaining three characters--Pink Gold Peach, Baby Rosalina, and Tanooki Mario—are rather unwarranted and distasteful as they represent a complete lack of creativity.

Kart customization, a popular feature from "Mario Kart 7" and "Mario Kart 8," has been removed from this entry, and there is now only one speed available when playing: 50cc, in which the AI opponents do not move from the starting line similar to the popular PC hit "Big Rigs." This is a bit of a far cry from classic "Mario Kart" games, in which AI opponents would always push players to the limit. In the end, this design decision, while accessible, makes it nearly impossible for players to improve their skills on their own, and makes playing by oneself completely unappealing.

Other awkward design decisions mar the game. Usually, modern "Mario Kart" games include thirty-two tracks. In Mario Kart 9, however, there are no new tracks; instead, there are only sixteen "retro" tracks that are simply recycled from previous games. The game also completely omitted the popular Battle Mode, which saw little to no involvement in the previous entry, Mario Kart 8. This means that the only modes available are Grand Prix and Versus Battle, both of which may be played online. With little to no variety in the modes from previous games in the series, fun quickly dissipates from "Mario Kart 9."

Essentially, this is what summarizes Mario Kart 9 the most: a shallow racing game in which fun, innovation, and courtesy to the consumer are non-existent. It is unfathomable to imagine how the next game in the series could possibly be dumbed down any more. "Mario Kart" is dead. This game receives a -999 out of 5.

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The graphics in Mario Kart 9 are extremely realistc, even more so than the graphics in Mario Kart 8.

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Yankee Doodle Yodeling Concert

By Annie Hays
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11 University students are in recovery from an acute case of yodeldysplepsia caused by a recent yodeling concert. The University's Yankee Doodle Yodeling Club held their first and last concert on Mar. 27 in Selby auditorium.

The group began the evening a rendition of George Watsons' 1879 hit "Sleep Baby Sleep." With the audience clutching their ears and letting out moans, the group tried a more modern tune: the 1992 Swiss hit "Uber jedes Bacherl geht a Bruckerl" by renowned yodeler Stefanie Hertel.

According to Amstutz, "At that point, we noticed some audience members were looking rather pale and their bodies were strewing the steps of the auditorium. We had wanted to save our rendition of 'Rolling in the Deep' for the encore, but we decided to play it early while there were still some alert audience members."

After the song was finished, the club decided to take their bows while there was still one soul left to clap for them. The rest appeared to be comatose.

"I've loved yodeling since I was a boy," said Dr. Johan Blickensderfer,Associate Professor of Physics. "This concert brought me right back to my childhood. I would yodel all day as I tended my goat herd outside of Brig."

When Blickensderfer started clapping, the audience members who were previously believed to be deceased started to rouse themselves. It turns out they were simply in shock from extended exposure to the yodels, which is the medical condition known as yodeldyplepsia.

"I've never seen such an acute case of yodeldyplepsia since I worked in the first aid station at the 1973 Appalachian Folk Festival," said John Goodwin the paramedic.

Besides the medical emergency, there was an upside to the night.

"We were so amazed at the turn out," said the club's president, Senior Hank Dawdle Dan. "We were only expecting five, six people to show up, but we had at least a dozen yodeling enthusiasts join us for this special evening."

Dan said the club spent six months reworking popular songs to yodeling with a traditional alphorns quartet. Alphorns are traditional eight foot long Swiss horns made famous in America by the Riccola commercial.

"We were worried the alphorns might not fit in Selby Auditorium," said Junior Anita Amstutz. "The stage was rather cramped and we had to blow the horns at the yodelers instead of the audience."

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Although the Yankee Doodle Yodeling Club enjoyed performing for the University community, the most rewarding part of the experiance for them was to donate the proceeds of the concert to the Swiss Humane Society.

Dan reports only temporary deafness in his left ear after the event, and the other four yodelers are expected to recover their hearing within the week.

The proceeds from the concert were donated to the yak division of the Swiss Humane Society.The group has never received donations from the U.S. before and were grateful for the $20 check.

"It's great that we can use our yodeling talents to support an organization like the Swiss Humane Society," said Freshman Edmund Yankel. "So many people in Switzerland buy baby yaks and suddenly realize they can't take care of a fully-grown, 1,000 pound majestic creature. They just abandon them on steep mountainsides and expect the poor things to fend for themselves."

Currently there is a petition for the administration to ban all traditional Eastern European music from the University campus. As of publishing, this petition has over 500 signatures and needs another 500 to make it to administration's desk.

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Saint Leo Lions – Undefeated for 88 Years

By Nicole Alvarez
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"Yes," said Brother Patrick Sheamus O'Conner O'Sullivan O'Henry O'Donnel O'Riley O'Leary O'Doul O'Bryan O'Neil O'Doherty O'Carroll O'Connell O'Farrell O'Callaghan O'Mahoney O'Shea O'Leary O'Rourke O'Dwyer McDonald.

Saint Leo University's football team, the Lions, remain the greatest worldwide.

As of this 2015-2016 academic year, the Lions celebrate 88 years of being undefeated by any other football team in the state, nation, or worldwide. The group of young men are led by coach Brother Patrick Sheamus O'Conner O'Sullivan O'Henry O'Donnel O'Riley O'Leary O'Doul O'Bryan O'Neil O'Doherty O'Carroll O'Connell O'Farrell O'Callaghan O'Mahoney O'Shea O'Leary O'Rourke O'Dwyer McDonald, who has been with Saint Leo since 1988.

Before O'Sullivan O'Shea O'Doul O'Neil O'Connell O'Rourke O'Bryan O'Farrell O'Doherty O'Callaghan O'Conner O'Riley O'Mahoney O'Dwyer O'Leary O'Leary O'Donnel O'Henry O'Carroll McDonald took over as head football coach, Saint Leo's football team had been led by Joshua Finn. Finn personally selected O'Bryan O'Mahoney O'Shea O'Neil O'Donnel O'Riley O'Carroll O'Connell O'Doul O'Doherty O'Henry O'Leary O'Farrell O'Rourke O'Conner O'Dwyer O'Sullivan O'Leary O'Callaghan McDonald to lead the football team after Finn retired.

Finn had joined Saint Leo in 1928, which is also when the Saint Leo Lions began their unprecedented winning streak.

"Josh came to me one day out of the blue, I hadn't even known who he was then or that we had a football team, and told me that if anyone could continue what he had started [the Lions' undefeated streak] then it would be me. I had no idea what he had been talking about but he just kept saying that he had faith in me and my ability to lead the team," said O'Rourke O'Henry O'Farrell O'Mahoney O'Dwyer O'Neil O'Callaghan O'Riley O'Conner O'Doul O'Leary O'Sullivan O'Doherty O'Donnel O'Carroll O'Connell O'Bryan O'Leary O'Shea McDonald.

When asked about the team's hope for the coming semester of Fall 2016, the young men said that they mostly hope to continue their undefeated streak. This hope comes on the heels of the game that almost ended that streak.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the Lions' left for an away game at the home stadium of the Philadelphia Artichokes. The Lions didn't know it then but they would soon discover that the two-week trip would end in an array of tears of hard won relief as the Artichokes came close to finally defeating the undefeatable.

"They had obviously done their homework," Gaston Fraiche, the player who throws the football, said about the Artichokes. "They knew our play styles and even our signs. When I asked one of their guys about how they knew so much he said that they were so desperate that they had bought the information off of the internet. When he said that, I was just so dumbfounded I couldn't believe it."

However, it was with the quick ingenuity of the player who actually kicks the football across the field, Ash Bisque, that the Lions were able to turn the tides of battle and pull through.

"As soon as I noticed the other team anticipating our moves, I knew. I told the coach as soon as possible and together we were able to change everything up. Just in time too," said Bisque.

Thanks to Bisque's keen eyes and sharp observation, O'Sullivan O'Leary O'Carroll O'Neil O'Rourke O'Riley O'Henry O'Conner O'Callaghan O'Shea O'Doul O'Mahoney O'Doherty O'Connell O'Farrell O'Leary O'Donnel O'Dwyer O'Bryan McDonald was able to change all of the team's current plays; however, his most astounding feat was changing all of the team's signs to sign language. This sudden change tripped up the Artichokes and once again, the Lions had the natural advantage despite not being on their home ground.

At this time, the long break in between the two parts of the game session began. During this time, the band of the Artichokes began playing songs such as "Eye of the Tiger" and "We Are the Champions." However, a fight broke out between the two mascots of the football teams. In response, the band started playing various pieces of fighting music in near perfect time with the mascot brawl. Perhaps a foreshadowing as to how the day would end, Fritz, Saint Leo's mascot, won against Arnie the Artichoke.

"I never expected to see two mascots start hitting and knocking the literal stuffing out of each other during a football game. I mean, it was seriously funny to watch, I even had popcorn to go with the show, but wow. Just – you know – wow," said Francis Werbenjagermanjensen, a freshmen sports management major groupie who traveled with the football team to Philadelphia.

After Arnie the Artichoke was wheeled off the green, the game resumed without further delay. Right off the bat, Fraiche was able to get a hole-in-one and scored for the Lions. The uproar was deafening. The rest of the night went much the same way, with the Lions scoring points right and left and the Artichokes trying desperately to keep up with the speedy brooms of the Lions.

Finally, the final scores were announced for all to see. The Lions won with a whopping 60 Love to the Artichokes' 1 Love.

"I knew, just knew that even with that earlier debacle, my team would still pull through, and knock the socks off of the Artichokes. All of Saint Leo and I couldn't be prouder of our team and how they performed this time," said O'Doul O'Neil O'Sullivan O'Callaghan O'Mahoney O'Carroll O'Conner O'Dwyer O'Shea O'Connell O'Rourke O'Leary O'Riley O'Bryan O'Henry O'Donnel O'Leary O'Doherty O'Farrell McDonald.

On the team's arrival back to Saint Leo, all of the members, coach, assistant coach, groupies, and cheerleaders stopped by Joshua Finn's grave to pay their respects to the man who began the team's 88-year winning streak. An age-old tradition that began when the previous coach passed away.

Upcoming Games From Now Until Judgement Day

Football

2/25: @ Philadelphia 13:00
3/12: @ Barry 24:05
4/1: Vs Florida Northern 11:00
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Blemsball

7/25: @ New New York Mets 1:00
2/25: @ West Chester 4:00
9/1: Vs [TEAM REDACTED] 6: 00

M Lawn Darts

12/25: Vs Home Depot 2:00
9/26: @ St. Louis University18:00
2/30: Vs Hoboken, NJ 23:00

W Lawn Darts

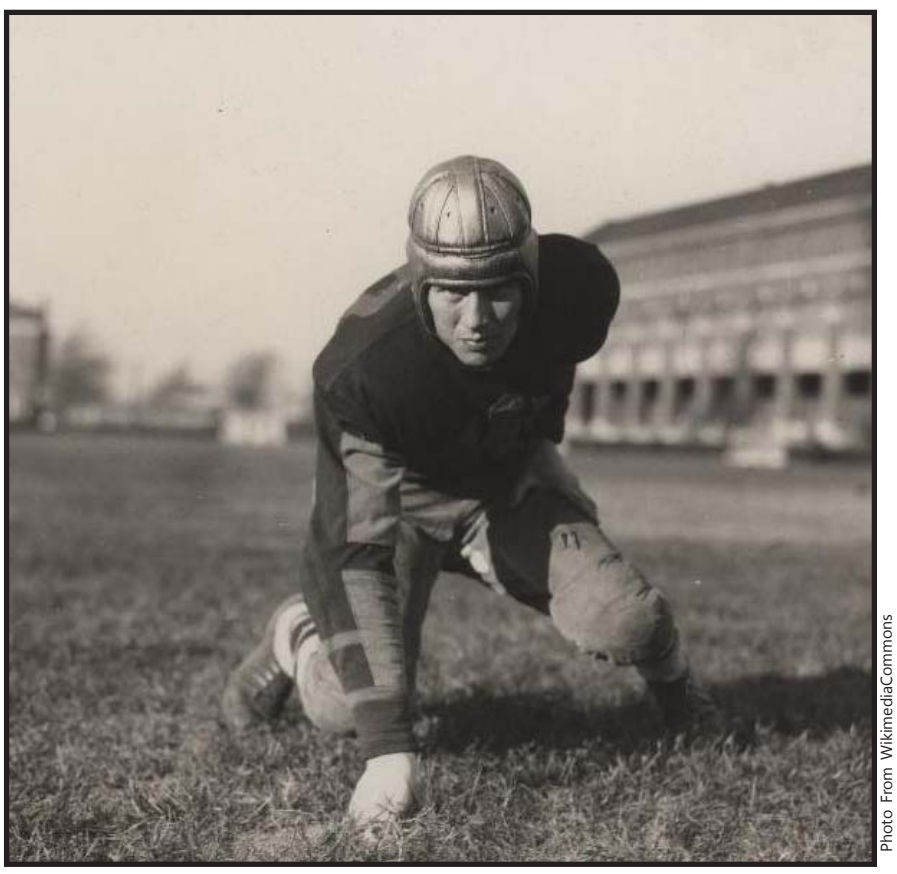
12/25: Vs Home Depot 2:00
9/26: @ St. Louis University18:00
2/30: Vs Hoboken, NJ 23:00

Field Curling

7/25: @ New Hampshire Relays 5:00
9/26: @ Texas Relays TBA
12/1: @ No Invite 21:00
4/1: @ Coke/Pepsi Battle 5:00

Travelling Dodgeball Crew

3/25: @ Average Joe's 15:00
7/26: @ Globo Gym TBA
4/1: @ Troop 417 21:00
8/21: @ Poughkeepsie State 25:00



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Gaston Fraiche, the player who throws the ball and ace of the team, is testing out the new uniform to determine how effective it will be in coming games and whether or not it will instead act as a determinant.